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SUBJ: PARTICIPATION OF CANADIAN PROVINCES IN DEMONSTRATION OF
INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (IRIS)

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. MOT HAS ADVISED THAT CANADIAN FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY IRIS ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN FHWA AND PROVINCES AND A BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING
NEGOTIATED. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONTINUING PROBES TO SEE IF
INTERIM ARRANGEMENT--PERHAPS ONLY PERMITTING ALBERTA TO APPLY--
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. WE ALSO SUGGEST FHWA/DOT SHOULD CONTINUE
CONSIDERING MEANS OF IMPROVING US-CANADIAN TRUCKING RELATIONS
IN RECIPROCITY AND PERHAPS OTHER AREAS. END SUMMARY.

2. MOT (GARDNER) WROTE TCO FEBRUARY 1 (LETTER NOT RECEIVED
UNTIL FEBRUARY 9) THAT CANADIAN PROVINCIAL JURISDICTIONS
MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN IRIS PROJECT DIRECTLY WITHOUT PARTICIPA-
TION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FORMALLY REFERRED US TO EXTAFF
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE.

3. IN HIS LETTER GARDNER ALSO RAISED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

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"I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING FIRST WHAT THE TIME FRAME
OF THIS TEST PROJECT IS TO BE, I.E. WHAT IS THE PROJECTED
DATE OF START. SECOND, COULD AN ESTIMATE BE MADE AS TO THE
COSTS OF EQUIPMENT, SET-UP, OPERATIONS, ETC. FOR THIS PRO-
JECT. I REALIZE THERE WILL BE A LARGE DEGREE OF VARIATION DEPEND-
ING ON THE CONTENT OF EACH PARTICIPANTS PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, AN
ESTIMATE OF THE PARAMETERS INVOLVED, LOW AND HIGH, WOJLD BE

USEFUL TO US."

4. DURING FEBRUARY 10 DISCUSSION GARDNER TOLD TCO THERE MAY BE A CHANGE OF SIGNALS FROM THAT GIVEN IN HIS LETTER. WHILE PARTICIPATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED, EXTAFF MAY YIELD THE FEDERAL ROLE TO MOT. THIS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL LATER IN THE MONTH. HOWEVER, EXTAFF AND MOT DO AGREE THAT A WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE ANY USG APPROACH TO THE PROVINCES. LITTLE THOUGHT HAS YET BEEN GIVEN TO THE SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT, BUT PROVISION FOR THE GOC TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE COMMUNICATIONS LINKS BETWEEN PARTICIPATING PROVINCES AND THE CENTRAL COMPUTER IN THE U.S. MAY BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT.

5. GARDNER ALSO SAID MOT HAS STARTED A STUDY COMPARING THE IRP WITH OTHER RECIPROCITY ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE CANADIAN NATIONAL INTEREST VIEWPOINT. THIS STUDY MAY BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS AND THE FINDINGS WILL HAVE A BEARING ON ITS POSITION WITH THE USG ON THIS QUESTION.

6. COMMENT: FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL JOCKEYING OVER TRUCKING JURISDICTION IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE GOC HESITATION ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL WHICH APPEARS CAUGHT UP IN DISCUSSIONS AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL IN PREPARATION FOR A FORTHCOMING FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE DO NOT KNOW THE TIME FRAME FHWA HAS IN MIND FOR AWARDED CONTRACTS AND GETTING THE PROGRAM UNDERWAY, BUT TCO INDICATED TO GARDNER THAT IF THIS HAS TO BE DONE QUICKLY--FOR BUDGETARY OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS-- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY MAY HAVE TO RECOMMEND THAT FHWA FORGET ABOUT PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION AT THIS STAGE. GARDNER WAS RELUCTANT TO AGREE WE SHOULD SO RECOMMEND AND PROMISED TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO SEE IF A MORE POSITIVE INTERIM APPROACH--ONE WHICH WOULD AT LEAST ALLOW ALBERTA TO MAKE A PROPOSAL IF IT WISHES--COULD BE ARRANGED. WE HOPE TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER FEBRUARY 17.

7. IN OUR VIEW, THE IDEA OF ASSOCIATING THE CANADIAN PROVINCES WITH THE U.S. STATES IN A WIDE--RANGING TRUCK RECIPROCITY ARRANGEMENT APPEARS SOUND, AS WELL AS BENEFICIAL TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF OUR CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MOT, FHWA/DOT CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE. THE BUDGETARY ASPECT OF THE SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLING, AS WE CAN VISUALIZE A SITUATION EMERGING IN WHICH--WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT--THE GOC COULD ARRANGE TO PAY APPROPRIATE COSTS FOR CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE SYSTEM.

8. PLEASE PROVIDE RESPONSE TO GARDNER'S QUESTIONS, PARA 3
ABOVE, WHICH WE CAN GIVE HIM ON FEBRUARY 17. ATTENTION
IS ALSO CALLED TO CALGARY 51 (RELAYED TO WASHINGTON AS
OTTAWA 501) FOR CURRENT INFO ON ALBERTA.
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